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SUBJECT: TURK INTEREST IN HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON SECURITY

ASSISTANCE: SISCO- ESENBEL MARCH 20 CONVERSATION

REF: STATE 49975

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO CALLED IN AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MARCH 20 TO DELIVER REPLY TO TURK REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VISIT BY CIVILIAN/ MILITARY DELEGATION HEADED BY FONMIN TO DISCUSS SECURITY ASSISTANCE. SISCO FOLLOWED CLOSELY LANGUAGE PARA 2 REFTEL. ESENBEL TOOK NOTES ( UNUSUAL FOR HIM) AND SEEMED ACCEPT RATIONALE THAT AS THERE NOTHING NEW WE COULD TELL BAYULKEN THERE NO POINT IN HIS COMING. ESENBEL SAID HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT STILL WISH SEND MILITARY DELEGATION TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASPECTS SECURITY ASSISTANCE. SISCO REPLIED THAT IN THIS CASE ALSO THERE PROBABLY LITTLE NEW WE WOULD BE ABLE TELL DELEGATION BUT WHEN GOT HAS REACHED A DECISION WE WILL BE PLEASED DISCUSS THE MATTER.

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2. ESENBEL THEN INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS 40 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN FY 72 GRANT MAP. SISCO REPLIED THERE WAS NOTHING NEW ON THIS SUBJECT BEYOND WHAT HE HAD SAID IN THEIR FEBRUARY 8 MEETING. ESENBEL THEN SAID THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION FROM TALKING WITH PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IT HAD BEEN THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO SUBMIT

A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILL LAST OCTOBER BUT THAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CONGRESS AND OTHER FACTORS HAD MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IN DRAWING UP THE REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN FY 74 THE ADMINISTRATION HAD TRIED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AND COMPENSATE FOR THE INABILITY TO DELIVER ON THE PRESIDENT'S MARCH 1972 COMMITMENT TO THEN PRIME MINISTER ERIM TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO MAKE UP THE 40 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL FOR FY 72. SISCO REPLIED THAT THIS FACTOR HAD INDEED BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN PREPARATION OF THE FY 74 SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. SAYING HE WISHED AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION, SISCO THEN REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID EARLIER IN CONVERSATION ABOUT SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR FY 74: QUOTE THE ADMINISTRATION INTENDS SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR INCREASED SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVELS IN FY 74 INCLUDING A GRANT COMPONENT FOR TURKEY APPROXIMATING 'HISTORIC LEVELS.' UNQUOTE. (EARLIER IN CONVERSATION ESENBEL SAID THAT HE INTERPRETED "HISTORIC LEVELS" TO MEAN AROUND ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. SISCO DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS INTERPRETATION.) ROGERS

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